

Paul Mitchell A History of European Picture Frames



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This book may be the culmination of over twenty years' work by Mitchell and Roberts, well known frame historians and consultants. Components are drawn directly from photographs of 268 frames original or contemporary to their pictures. This analysis of frame styles and their inter-relationships over eight centuries is normally organised by nationality and period with fifty-six thoroughly constructed diagrams in the form of framemakers' pattern books, interspersed with thirty-eight plates of framed paintings. They will have undertaken photographic surveys of frames in most main museums in European countries and THE UNITED STATES, as well as in many historic houses and exhibitions.



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Three Stars Was hoping for a less dry text and more photos. I have already been framed! I was looking forwards this publication, hoping to see lavish illustrations, and comprehensive review of the histoty of picture frames. Academic quality could be compared to Framing in the Golden Age group but lacks the comprehensive detail of this great book. Excellent book Terrific book in an area of study that has too few. Paul Mitchell and Lynn Roberts are great scholars of European frames, this book is a must for the library of anyone set on frames. Beautifully printed and excellent text Fabulous. Beautifully printed and exceptional text. The printing is so small that it's a strain to learn it. The nomenclature is definitely for professionals, no explanations for the lay reader, no glossary, and unfortunately this is a technical and boring publication. Excellent book of reference Mitchell did agreat job simply by gathering all this data and making it a thoroughbred classic about antique picture frames. Imagine my disappointment to observe black and white colored sketches, and some colorless illustrations!



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